

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on June 9, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully considered. Claims 1, 6 and 10 have been amended and new claims 14-18 have been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application respectfully are solicited.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9 and 11-13 are rejected over prior art. However, claims 5, 7 and 10 are indicated to be allowable in independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In effect, claims 5, 7 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form and to be the only independent claims in the application. As a result, the rejections are deemed no longer to be applicable. In particular:

1. Claims 1-4 should be allowed because claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of now cancelled claim 5, and claims 2-4 depend from claim 1.

2. Claims 6 and 8-13 should be allowed because claim 6 has been amended concisely to include the limitation of cancelled claim 7, and claims 8-13 depend from claim 6.

3. New claims 14-18 should be allowed because new claim 14 is written concisely to include the limitation of original claim 6 and 9-10, and claims 15-18 depend from claim 14.

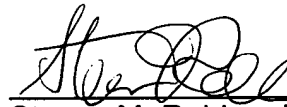
Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 1-4, 6 and 8-18, earnestly is solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Should any fee be required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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